



## Department of Energy

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### **To Parties Interested in the Rate Period High Water Mark (RHWM) Process for the FY 2016-17 rate period:**

The Bonneville Power Administration will kick off the Rate Period High Water Mark (RHWM) Process this August, in advance of the BP-16 Rate Case and in accordance with section 4.2.2 and 4.3 of the Tiered Rate Methodology (TRM). This process will scale customer Contract High Water Marks (CHWMs) that were finalized in spring 2014 (as amended for retained Provisional CHWM) to an updated Tier 1 System Firm Critical Output (T1SFCO), resulting in customers' RHWMs and Above-RHWM Loads for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-2017 Rate Period.

Bonneville will hold a customer workshop to review the updated T1SFCO on August 5, 2014. Initial RHWM outputs, including RHWMs and Above-RHWM loads will also be shared. Customers are encouraged to review both the individual load forecasts as well as the impact of a T1SFCO change on any Above-RHWM load. The formal public comment period extends from August 6 through August 19. All comments, including any customer requests for modification to its load forecast, should be submitted in this comment period. BPA will hold a workshop on August 26, 2014, to discuss issues raised in public comment. Final numbers will be made available on September 9, 2014, for use in the BP-16 Rate Case.

Geoff Carr, former Assistant Director of Northwest Requirements Utilities, has been selected as the Third Party Neutral for this process. He can be reached at [geoffcarr77@gmail.com](mailto:geoffcarr77@gmail.com).

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Peter Stiffler".

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